(i) the imbalances and inequities inherent in some of the WTO Agreements; (ii) non-realization of expected benefits through WTO Agreements pertaining to subjects such as Agriculture and Textiles, (iii) operationalization into contractual obligations of the Special and Differential treatment provisions in favour of developing countries. It has been also stressed that WTO agreement have already provided for mandated negotiations and mandated reviews which by themselves along with Implementation Issues constitute a fairly large agenda and that there is no need to further overburden the WTO agenda with non-trade related issues.

Extension of Transport Subsidy Scheme

1091. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transport subsidy scheme aimed at helping industrialisation of hilly, remote and inaccessible areas of the country is shortly coming to an end;

(b) if so, whether Government would extend the scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) (a) The Transport Subsidy Scheme introduced in July, 1971 is valid up to 31.3.2007 for the States in the North-Eastern region. For other regions i.e. the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, eight hill districts of Uttar Pradesh, the district of Darjeeling in West Bengal, Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep, it is valid up to 31.3.2000.

(b) The proposal for further extension of the scheme in respect of the States/Union Territories where the scheme is presently valid up to 31.3.2000, is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Industries set up in Maharashtra

1092. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) die number of industries set up, in private and public sector, in Maharashtra during the period from 1992 to 1999, alongwith me locations thereof;

(b) the details of investments made by Government in the State during the period under economic reforms; and

(c) the details of the industries proposed to be set up in Maharashtra during the Ninth Plan alongwith the financial allocations made in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) 795 industries were set up in the State of Maharashtra between 1992 to 1999 in the licensable and delicensed sectors. Most of these industries are located in the districts of Thane, Pune, Raigad(Kulaba), Aurangabad, Nasik, Nagpur, Greater Mumbai, Ratnagiri etc.

(b) The investment made by the Government measured in terms of the value of assets of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) in the State of Maharashtra during the period under economic reforms is given in the statement. *(See* below).

(c) No target is fixed for setting up of industries in the States. The Central Government through allocation of funds to the State Governments in the Five year plans enables them to set up economic infrastructure and other facilities conducive to growth of industries. For the Ninth Plan an allocation of Rs. 902.85 crore has been made to Maharashtra for the industries and minerals sector.

Statement

Investment made by the Government in Central Public Sector Undertakings for the State of Maharashtra measured in terms of value of assets-is as follows:

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Value of assets (Rs. Crore)	5857	5193	6252	7124	3877	4535	1827

Growth centres in Maharashtra

1093. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of growth centres approved for the state of Maharashtra with details thereof;

(b) whether full Central assistance has been released to all of them;